

Winchester Orchard Neighborhood Association (WONA)

General Meeting

September 16, 2019

Cypress Center

Meeting Start 7:00PM

WONA General Meeting to Address Homeless Encampments and Development

Opening and Board Introductions

- Board Members - Charlotte, ChrisG, BillC, Mary, Mari Jo, Joan, Daphna, Barbara, ChrisS
- There is a free library in front of Charlotte's house on Spar
- There are 777 Next Door members – contact Bill Cope if you want to join Next Door
- WONA is also on Facebook, Email, Next Door, Twitter

Agenda Notes:

- Dinner was catered by Jamie/ Holy Cannoli!
- Dave Cortese is in NY talking to the U.N.
- Chappie is in D.C.

Updates on Land Development

- **The Winchester Ranch (Pulte Development) – Scott Hilk**
 - There was an update on 8/26 with Planning and Pulte
 - EIR went out 8/30. There is a 45-day review cycle till 10/15. This is your chance to comment on the EIR – send a letter or email to the City
 - Pulte expects to go to Planning Commission and City Council Nov, Dec
 - The August meeting also included a Park session. There WILL BE A SURVEY going out – plus at least 2 more Parks meetings. There is a little over 2 acres. The last meeting was missing the younger families with children.
 - Please give YOUR FEEDBACK on what you want in a park.
 - Comment on the trees you would like to remain
- **Santana West Seth Bland and Monica**
 - The Demolition is complete
 - They are hauling dirt for the below ground dig.
 - It will take ~21 months till 2021 for the first parking structure and office building
 - Century 23 lot – There is approval for one office building. Right now, there is no plan for the build.
 - There is a Billion Square Feet Entitlement on the whole property.
 - The second building will be where the Theater sign is next to Olsen. It will be the same as the first building.
- **San Jose District One Building - Cassidy – The SJ District 1 site has a link to all development.**

- **Khanh's Restaurant Site**

- Per Cassidy – The EIR is out for review

- **76 Gas Station Site - Cassidy**

- Per Cassidy – This is in the early Preliminary application phase – 26 condo units – 4-5 stories.

San Jose Spotlight - Ramona Giwardis (Editor), **Josh Barousse** (Dir of Development and Events) and www.Sanjosespotlight.com

- This is the first nonprofit 501(c)(3) newspaper in San Jose covering policy, politics, government, education, homelessness, transportation. There are now ~250 nonprofit papers in the U.S. Local news is being forgotten in some places. Their Board comes from all areas of community
- It is 100% supported by donations. All donations are tax deductible. There is a clear firewall between donations and the publication. Advertising is only allowed in the newsletter, not on the website.
- Ramona was a Mercury News reporter for 3 years at SJ City Hall
- Staff – 6 reporters – 2 fulltime, 4 freelance, and interns. All writers are paid by the contribution. 5 Industry experts do weekly columns on Monday and the 4th Thursday on topics such as transportation, sustainability,
- They have been in business since January – 1 million+ page views. 430,000 readers. Their early impact – they were cited on Fox News, Mercury, SF Gate/Chronicle because SJ Spotlight published first. Plus, unsolicited Tweets.
- SJ Spotlight hosts educational forums for revenue – Downtown height limits; homeless prevention, etc.
- They don't have an access pay wall like other online news – (e.g., 5 per month) – Educating the public is #1. You have access, whether you can pay for it.

How to Recycle everything – City of San Jose
Linden Skjeie

- There is too much 'wish or aspirational recycling'. "I don't know what it is – so I'll put it in the recycle bin" – We 'wish' to do well. This desire to do well causes contamination
- Guidelines
 - If the item has "No food, No liquid, [there's] No problem"
 - No tanglers – no wire, no garden hose. No plastic film – no grocery bags,
 - No hazardous waste – batteries, cleaning products
- Ideas
 - Bring your own reusable bottles. Bring your own Tupperware to restaurants. She has her leftover meat put in her own Tupperware. You have power with your pocketbook
 - Trader Joes – is reducing their packaging
 - How clean does it have to be – When doing dishes – use the dish water. Empty and scrape. There is a presentation from the city on how to recycle everything!
 - Hhw.org – is for hazardous waste
 - There is a Free junk pick up program – there are unlimited pickups
 - Goodwill will take printers on 7th street. And \$10 coupon for clean mattress
 - There is the Habitat for Humanity's ReUSE store -- near the hazardous recycle place
- The WONA site has a link to the SJ Recycle sites. SJ recycle rate is better than National and the State rate.
- The County also has a recycle site.

- Bring your own bottle to the next WONA meeting. WONA will start bringing big water bottles So bring your own to the meeting to fill from the big bottles.

Carnes Piano Site – Initial Plans

- Mark Linder – Carnes – and the Architects
- Met with Daphna 7/2018.
- New architect – Kirk Anderson office in Campbell has been working with the City and Mayor Liccardo for many years on buildings 5 to 20 stories.
- The neighbors have a concern with parking
- 1st lower parking – will be for commercial business. Then a gate to the condos.
- 65 ft high. Terraced 45 degrees going back. With planters on each level. 1st floor commercial, 2nd floor office space – needs to be .5 commercial – 3 units. Then a roof deck for common space
- How from the lot line is the roof deck – is 65 horizontal –
- Will there be sound barrier? The City allows 45db max
- Construction - Concrete and Wood. With Bamboo and planters across the back
- Estimate for breaking ground - 24 months. 12-month planning, 12 months to break ground

The Next WONA General Meeting – November 18

- This meeting will include DoT on Traffic

Meeting Adjourned 8:30PM